



West Norriton Township Human Relations Commission
Meeting Minutes
May 25, 2023

The West Norriton Township Human Relations Commission was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on May 25, 2023, by Joan Wurzel.

Present: Joan Wurzel, Walt Smith, Anne Pavone, Dwayne Mosier, Avery Manning, Harma Ellens.

Apologies: none

Minutes: April 2023 meeting minutes accepted.

Old Business

- a) **Wrap up of community day:** The event was a success, great attendance, diverse crowd. Handed out over 200 tote bags with HRC Logo. Joan sent a Thank You note to the Parks and Recreations Commission for organizing the event.
- b) **LGBTQAI+ Pride Month Flag raising:** Event to take place at the Township building on June 1 at 4:30 pm. Anne Pavone, Lori Schreiber, Joe Webster, Melissa Retano and Amanda Cappelletti to attend.
- c) **Next Movie Night:** September 10 or 24. We will show ‘The Big Sick’
- d) **Ordinance to outlaw conversion therapy:** Submitted to Board of Commissioners for approval at June meeting.
- e) **Posts to Facebook:** (1) AAPI. (2) Jewish Heritage, (3) Veterans.
- f) **LCD screen:** Requested Pride Month banner.
- g) **HRC Annual Report:** Distributed to the group.
- h) **Invitation to NASD to nominate a Student Commissioner to the HRC.** Joan will contact NAHS principal for candidate.
- i) **Ordinance for Women’s Bodily Autonomy:** Joan is looking at example ordinances to construct one for West Norriton Township

New Business:

- a) **Complaints received:** none
- b) **Freshman class event at NAHS:** Last week of August or first week of September. HRC will have a table.
- c) **Fall Festival:** Request HRC and Ascension Church booths to be next to each other.

Public Comments: none

Ongoing Action items

Get details for Tri-state HRC zoom meeting attendance (Joan)

Set up HRC meeting with Police (Anne)

Learn more about the Student Ambassadors program at the Norristown Area High School (all)

Completed Actions

Prepare MEI score submission (Harma)

Prepare draft anti-conversion therapy ordinance (Joan)

Prepare list of questions for discussion with Police Chief (all)

Review draft anti-conversion therapy ordinance and provide comments to Joan (all)

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Next Meeting: June 22, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Harma Ellens.